

**MINUTES OF A PILOT'S MEETING
HELD AT THE MSC CLUBROOMS, WAHAROA AIRFIELD
ON THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2008 AT 11:00 AM**

Present:

B. Mace (Acting Chairman), S. Wallace (Acting Secretary), E. Devenoges (SRC Rep), plus 22 pilots

Item 1 - Apologies:

Nil

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. Not presented.

Item 3 – General Business / Discussion Items:

1. **Airspace** – issues raised were as follows:

- New 4,500' airspace lower limit between Tirau and Tokoroa is a major problem when tasking and flying. Pilots request that the Airspace committee or contest organisers either try and negotiate temporary access to this area during a contest or at the next airspace review apply to have this area as a GAA that can be opened as required.
- Pilots would like a link on the GNZ website where all airspace entry refusals or issues can be recorded.
- Noted that all clubs should open all their local GAA's whenever they fly based on the use it or lose it approach of the airspace bureaucrats.

2. **Sports and Club class 2010 Nationals location** – This was discussed regards whether these best be held at Matamata or Taupo along with the Open / 15m / Standard class nationals. Motion was that the 2010 National Sports and Club class be held at Taupo.

Moved: B. Mace

Second: S. Wallace

CARRIED

3. **Start line rules** – These were discussed at length and it was resolved that the SRC needs to re-write the start line rules and associated penalties so as to clearly define the area around a start line that constitutes a penalty and to define the legality and or penalties associated with approaching and crossing a start line from the 'wrong' direction. It was also noted that to help pilots, tow plane drop zones for launching should always be behind a start line and not in front.

4. **Sports / PW5 as a class** – Contest pilots were made aware that a motion considering the amalgamation of the Club / Sports and PW5 classes was being considered so this idea to amalgamate these classes was put to the pilots meeting and gained no agreement. A motion was then put to the meeting that the Sports and PW5 classes be kept as is.

Moved: S. Griffin

Second: M. Honey

CARRIED

5. **Handicap range for entry into the Club Class** – A motion was put to the meeting that the Club Class handicap range be broadened both up and down to allow entry of a greater range of gliders.

Moved: B. O'Brian

Second: G. Player

DEFEATED

An amendment to the above motion was then put that the Club Class handicap range be broadened down only sufficient to include PW5's.

Moved: B. Gray

Second: D. Todd

DEFEATED

Item 8 - Closure:

1. There being no further remits for discussion the meeting was closed at 12.10pm.

S. Wallace
Acting Secretary

B. Mace
Acting Chairman